

Draft EIR Comment Form Proposed Las Pilitas Quarry Project

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The biggest concern I have is the traffic impact this will have on our community. I happen to live at 22128 El Camino Real which is on the corner of Pinal and El Camino Real. My Mom was raised in this home, I was raised in this home and I am now raising my daughter in this home. When I attended Santa Margarita Elementary School which was in the 1970's I walked to school and road my bike daily across El Camino Real without fear of being hit by a car or truck. Unfortunately my daughter has never walked to school alone nor has she been allowed to ride her bike to school due to the danger of being hit by a vehicle. This is very unfortunate and many times I have questioned my decision about living in this small town, as quaint as it is I am very disappointed that the traffic is not being dealt with. When I found out about this project I was very saddened to think that there was a chance this type of project could get approved due to the traffic impact. When I grew up in this town there was traffic but driver's would stop and allow you to cross and they would drive the speed limit. Now we have aggressive driver's who don't even stop when people are crossing the cross walk and there actually have been pedestrians hit while crossing downtown. Trucks go by at tremendous speeds without any concern for the pedestrians. I witness this daily because I live on El Camino and it happens all day long. This is such a huge issue with our family. We have been very desperate at times and have had to call the Highway Patrol, sometimes weekly to complain. I have seen more police presence but it is not stopping/improving the problem. This project if approved would not improve these issues, it would definitely make them tremendously worse. Are there alternatives? Can Las Palitas Resource get an easement to develop roads to route the traffic away from downtown Santa Margarita? Using the State Highway and Caltrans guidelines solely to approve this project and/or decide on what improvements will be needed to "reduce potential significant impact" to a "less than significant impact" does not make since for our town. The highway runs straight through our small town and we already need to reduce traffic to make it safe for our children. I am very fearful of the true traffic and safety impact this is going to have on our town and the citizens of Santa Margarita. no nauvit una may be released to thin resempurate y

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